

Sinclair Broadcast Group plans to pre-empt regular programming shortly before the November 2 election to air a strongly anti-Kerry program. It has ordered its stations to show the electioneering program, not giving them the option of showing the regularly-scheduled program. This mis-use of public airwaves is both unethical and illegal. The stations should serve the public interest and not the interest of an individual political party.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.